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SUBJECT: JUDITH JAMISON A SUCCESS IN PRAGUE

1. JUDITH JAMISON, ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP DANCE SOLOISTS, COMPLETED A WHIRLWIND THREE-DAY VISIT TO PRAGUE OCTOBER 12. MISS JAMISON, WHO IS IN VIENNA FOR SOLO APPEARANCES WITH THE VIENNA STATE OPERA, VISITED THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL DANCE ACADEMY WHERE SHE MET WITH CHOREOGRAPHERS, FACULTY AND STUDENTS, AND THE PRINCIPALS OF THE NATIONAL BALLET.

2. AFTER A LUNCHEON IN HER HONOR OCTOBER 11, MISS JAMISON WAS SHOWN VIDEO TAPES AND FILMS OF LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK DANCERS AND AN INTENSIVE AFTERNOON OF DANCE TALK TOOK PLACE. IN THE EVENING SHE WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A PERFORMANCE IN THE SMETANA THEATER AND AT A DINNER HOSTED BY APAO LEONARDO WILLIAM. AT THE DINNER MISS JAMISON DEMONSTRATED SOME OF HER EXERCISES AND MOVEMENTS FOR THE PRAGUE DANCE COMMUNITY, DOING GRACEFUL, SWEEPING MOTIONS IN THE WILLIAMS'S LIVINGROOM.

3. MISS JAMISON SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR BYRNE ON OCTOBER 12, AND REPORTED THE CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE INVITED HER BACK TO TEACH
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A MASTER CLASS AND TO PERFORM ONE OR TWO SOLOS AS PART OF A PUBLIC BALLET EVENING..ALTHOUGH HER COMMITMENTS IN EUROPE AND THE U.S. ARE HEAVY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AHEAD, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MISS JAMISON WILL RETURN TO PRAGUE NEXT SPRING. NANCY PLON OF RPO-VIENNA ARRANGED FOR MISS JAMISON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE AND ADVISED ON THE PROGRAM.

4. COMMENT: MISS JAMISON'S VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL ON ALL COUNTS. SHE IS BOTH A WORLD RENOWNED PROFESSIONAL AND AN ENERGETIC AND ENGAGING PERSONALITY. SHE IS THE FIRST AMERICAN DANCE PROFESSIONAL IN THE LAST DECADE TO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURAL WORLD, AND REPORTED THE LOCAL DANCE COMMUNITY "HUNGRY" FOR CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. THAT HER VISIT WENT SO SMOOTHLY AND THAT SHE WAS INVITED BACK, MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE IS BEING A BIT MORE COOPERATIVE IN THE WAKE OF THE ALMOST-COMPLETED CULTURAL/ EDUCATIONAL TALKS.

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